Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Noon.

The principal, in fact almost the only, business this morning has been in connection with the scrip of the Luzon Sugar Refinery. After we went to press last night a fair amount of shares changed hands at 86 and then at increasing rates up to 88½ for cash. Further sales have been put through this forenoon, and there are now cash buyers at 89, and probably a higher price will be paid before the end of the day. Some time transactions have been reported, which, however, we are not in a position to verify; but we know that shares are on offer at 94 for April. With the exception of a sale of Banks at 192 per cent. premium for February, nothing has been done in that stock. There is a slight inquiry for China Sugars at 133 for cash and 134 for December 31st. Nothing else requires special mention.

4 o'clock p.m.

Since noon Luzons have risen to 90, at which rate shares have changed hands for cash and the end of the month, the stock leaving off steady when our report left. No other transactions came under our notice.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—cum New Issue —182 per cent. premium, buyers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—$620 per share, sellers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—$71 per share.
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,350 per share.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—$112 per share.
Yangtsze Insurance Association—Tls. 1000 per share, sellers.
Chinese Insurance Company—$200 per share, buyers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—$360 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—$360 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—58 per cent. premium.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. —$49 per share, premium.
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—110 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company—$80 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company—$150 per share, sellers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—20 per cent. dis.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—$133 per share, buyers.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—2 per cent. premium.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—$90 per share, sales.
Hongkong Ice Company—$150 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited —$80 per share, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—1½ per cent. prem. ex. int.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—par.

EXCHANGE.

On London.—Bank, T. T. 3/8½
Bank Bills, on demand 3/8½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight..........3/8½
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight..........3/8½
Credits, at 4 months' sight.........3/9½ @ 3/9½
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/9½
On Paris.—
Bank Bills, on demand ....4.70.
Credits, at 4 months' sight ....4.78.
On Bombay.—Bank, T.T. 226½
On Calcutta.—Bank, T.T. 226½
On Demand 227
On Shanghai.—
Bank, sight 72
Private, 30 days' sight 73½

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

New Malwa ....per picul, $535
(Allowance, Taels 92.)
Old Malwa ....per picul, $575
(Allowance, Taels 86.)
New Patna, high touch (without choice) per chest $567½
New Patna, high touch (first choice) per chest..............$570
New Patna, high touch (bottom) per chest $572½
New Patna, high touch (second choice) per chest $565
New Patna, low touch (without choice) per chest..............$565
New Patna, low touch (first choice) per chest..............$567½
New Patna, low touch (bottom) per chest $570
New Patna, low touch (second choice) per chest $562½
Old Patna, per chest $575
New Benares, high touch (without choice) per chest $557½
New Benares, (bottom) per chest..............$565
Turkey, per picul,..............$460 @ $520
New Persian (best quality) per picul, $485 @ $525
Old Persian (best quality) per picul, $375 @ $400
Old Persian (second quality) per picul,..............$265 @ $352

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

BAROMETER, THERMOMETER, &c.	Hongkong. Previous day at 4 P.M.	Hongkong. On date at 10 A.M.	Amoy. Previous day at 4 P.M.	Amoy. On date at 10 A.M.	Shanghai. Previous day at 4 P.M.	Shanghai. On date at 10 A.M.	Manila. Previous day at 4 P.M.	Manila. On date at 10 A.M.
Barometer..........	30.20	30.19	30.10	30.14	30.24	30.27	30.10	30.08
Therm'ter attached	66.0	65.0	65.0	61.0	34.0	41.5	78.0	80.0
Direction of Wind.	NW	NNE	SW	W	W	NW	[illegible]	[illegible]
Force..........	4	4	0	1	[illegible]	0	[illegible]	2
Dry Thermometer.	65.0	63.0	—	—	[illegible]	41.[illegible]	77.0	76.0
Wet Thermometer.	58.2	59.5	—	—	46.5	[illegible]	74.0	74.7
Weather	b m	b m	—	—	b c	b [illegible]	c	c m
Hour's Rain..........	—	—	—	[illegible]	—	—	—	03
Quantity fallen..........	—	—	—	00.[illegible]	—	—	—	0.12

Barometer, level of the sea in inches, tens and hundreds.—Thermometer, in Fahrenheit degrees and tens kept in the open air in a shaded situation.—Direction of Wind is registered every two points, N., N.N.E., N.E., etc.—Force of Wind, 0 calm. 1 to 3 light breeze. 3 to 5 moderate. 5 to 7 fresh. 7 to 8 strong. 8 to 10 heavy. 10 to 12 violent.—State of Weather, *B.* Clear blue sky. *C.* Cloudy. *D.* Drizzly. *F.* Fog. *G.* Foggy. *H.* Hail. *L.* Lightning. *M.* Misty. *O.* Overcast. *P.* Passing showers. *Q.* Squally. *R.* Rainy. *S.* Snow. *T.* Thunder. *U.* Bad, threatening. *V.* Visibility. *W.* Storm. *Z.* Calm. The letters are repeated to indicate any increase over the mean average of their signification. Rain.—The hours of rain for the previous 24 hours (...) are registered from 1 to 24, the quantity of water (...) indicated in inches, tens and hundreds.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

Glenavon, British str., 1,936, R. A. Donaldson, 12th Dec.,—London 28th Oct., Suez 13th Nov., Penang 2nd Dec., and Singapore 5th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Saltee, French steamer, 323, V. Aranguren, 12th Dec.,—Haiphong 10th December, Rice.—A. R. Marty.
Vigilant, British despatch-boat, Lieut.-Comdr. T. S. Maxwell, 12th Dec.,—Amoy 11th December.
Fokien, British steamer, 508, H. C. Harris, 12th Dec.,—Tamsui 8th Dec., Taiwanfoo 10th, and Amoy 11th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.
Taichow, British steamer, 862, James. Jordan, 12th Dec.,—Bangkok 2nd Dec., General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
Pembrokeshire, British steamer, 1,717, Davis, 13th Dec.,—London 26th October, and Singapore 5th Dec., General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.
Thales, British steamer, 820, Pocock, 13th Dec.,—Amoy 11th Dec., and Swatow 12th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.
Yung-ching, Chinese steamer, 761, Andrews, 13th Dec.,—Canton 12th December, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Picciola, German steamer, Nissen, 13th Dec.,—Swatow 12th Dec., General.—Bun Hin Chan.
Channel Queen, Brit. bark, 609, Le Lacheur, 13th Dec.,—Singapore 6th Nov., Timber.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Deucalion, British steamer, for Shanghai.
China, German steamer, for Swatow.
Pembrokeshire, British steamer, for Yokohama.

DEPARTURES.

December 12, *Esmeralda*, British steamer, for Amoy.
December 13, *Massalia*, German steamer, for Kuchinotzu.
December 13, *S. S. Ridgway*, American bark, for New York.
December 13, *Zambesi*, British steamer, for Nagasaki, &c.
December 13, *Zephyr*, British gunboat, for a cruise.
December 13, *Greyhound*, British steamer, for Hoihow.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Glenavon*, str., from London, &c.—Messrs. Haupt, Kirby, and Morden, and 241 Chinese, for Hongkong. For Shanghai.—Mrs. Fanning and 4 children, Miss Miller, Messrs. MacLean and Knight.

Per *Thales*, str., from Amoy, &c.—Mr. Beaton, 1 European on deck, and 55 Chinese.

Per *Saltee*, str., from Haiphong.—15 Chinese.

Per *Taichow*, str., from Bangkok.—Mr. Dewar, and 85 Chinese.

Per *Pembrokeshire*, str., from London, &c.—7 Europeans and 85 Chinese.

Per *Fokien*, str., from Tamsui, &c.—21 Chinese.

Per *Picciola*, str., from Swatow.—515 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Pembrokeshire* reports left London on the 26th October, and Singapore on the 5th instant. Had strong monsoon from Singapore, with heavy sea.

The British steamship *Thales* reports left Amoy on the 11th instant, and Swatow on the 12th. Experienced moderate monsoon and fine weather throughout. In Amoy the steamship *Canton*, and French frigate *Triomphante*. In Swatow the steamships *Mei-foo*, *Chin-tung*, and *Chinkiang*.

The British steamship *Fokien* reports left Tamsui on Saturday, the 8th instant, Taiwanfoo on the 10th, and Amoy on the 11th. From Tamsui to Taiwanfoo experienced fresh N.E. wind and cloudy weather. From Taiwanfoo to Amoy had strong N.E. wind and clear weather, and from thence to port had light variable winds with clear weather. In Amoy the steamships *Canton*, *Tientsin*, German corvette *Leipsig*, and French frigate *Triomphante*. The steamship *Chin-tung* left on the same day for Swatow.

The British steamship *Glenavon* reports left London on the 28th October. Had light Easterly winds and foggy weather from the Channel to Cape St. Vincent. Had light winds and fine weather along the Mediterranean Sea; arrived in Port Said on the 10th ultimo, at noon; left Suez on the 13th at 9 a.m. Had light Northerly winds down the Red Sea as far as Jebeltier; from there through the Straits and along the Gulf of Aden had strong head winds. Across the Indian Ocean had fresh N.E. monsoon, with strong Easterly currents as far as the Straits of Malacca; arrived in Penang on the 2nd instant at 8 a.m., and left again the same night at 8 p.m.; arrived in Singapore on the 4th at 9 a.m., and left again on the 5th at 6 p.m. Had strong N.N.E. wind and high sea with strong Southerly current since passing the Anamba Islands until within 50 miles of Hongkong; arrived off Green Island on the 12th at 6.30 p.m.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow.—Per *Kwangtung*, to-day, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Swatow.—Per *China*, to-day, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Singapore, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, &c., &c., &c.—Per *Taiwan*, to-morrow, the 14th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Lennox* and *Japan*, on Saturday, the 15th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Singapore, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, &c., &c., &c.—Per *Menmuir*, on Saturday, the 15th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, Tamsui, and Taiwanfoo.—Per *Fokien*, on Saturday, the 15th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Hoihow, Singapore, and Mauritius.—Per *Thales*, on Thursday, the 20th instant, 3.30 P.M.

For Nagasaki and Kobe.—Per *Takachiho Maru*, on Friday, the 21st instant, at 3.30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

China, German steamer, 640, F. W. Focken, 9th December,—Swatow 8th Dec., General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
City of Tokio, American steamer, 5,079, Dearborn, 6th Dec.,—San Francisco 7th Nov., and Yokohama 30th, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.
Coptic, British steamer, 2,788, Kidley, 9th Nov.,—San Francisco 11th October, and Yokohama 2nd November, Mails and General.—O. & O. S. S. Co.
Danube, British steamer, 561, J. Newton, 22nd November,—Bangkok 12th November, Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
Deucalion, British steamer, 1,630, T. Purdy, 12th Dec.,—Singapore 4th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
Emuy, Spanish steamer, 410, Rementeria, 30th June,—Manila 27th June, General.—Remedios & Co.—Kowloon Dock.

HONGKONG—STEAMERS. *Continued.*

Fame, British steamer, 117, A. Stopani.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
Hainan, British steamer, 281, J. Woone, 28th Nov.,—Hoihow 26th November, General.—Afong & Co.
Japan, British steamer, 1,865, T. S. Gardner, 4th Dec.,—Calcutta 17th Nov., Penang 24th, and Singapore 27th, 2,000 chests Opium, 1,369 bales Cotton, 2,921 bales Saltpetre, and 2,500 packages Sundries.—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Kwangtung, British steamer, 680, M. Young, 9th Dec.,—Foochow 4th Dec., Amoy 5th, and Swatow 8th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.
Lennox, British steamer, 1,327, Scott, 4th Dec.,—Calcutta 17th Nov., Sand Heads 18th, Penang 23rd, and Singapore 27th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Menmuir, British steamer, W. Ellis, 8th Dec.,—Sydney 10th Nov., Townsville 15th, Cooktown 16th, Thursday Island 22nd, and Port Darwin 26th, General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Ocean, British steamer, 1,039, R. R. Brown, 11th Dec.,—Saigon 5th December, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.
Pilot Fish, Spanish steamer, Bernando Yhi, 27th Nov.,—Manila 24th November, Ballast.—Remedios & Co.—Cosmopolitan Dock.
Sea Gull, American steamer, 48, Hayden, Nov. 24th,—China Traders' Insurance Co.
Selembria, British steamer, 1,092, Fowler, 16th November,—Amoy 15th November, General.—Russell & Co.
Taiwan, British steamer, 1,009, Wm. Cotter, 20th Nov.,—Melbourne, Sydney, and Port Darwin 5th November, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
Tromp, Dutch steamer, 137, A. S. Roe, 11th October,—Celebes 27th September, Victoria Foundry.
Volga, French steamer, 1,003, Benois, 26th Nov.,—Haiphong 23rd November, General.—Messageries Maritimes.

SAILING VESSELS.

Alice Mary, British bark, 361, J. Danis, 26th Nov.,—Newchwang 15th Nov., Beans.—Chinese.
Anna, German bark, 447, W. Jessen, 30th Nov.,—Newchwang 22nd Nov., Beans.—Wieler & Co.
Anna Bertha, German bark, 480, Krause, 3rd Dec.,—Newchwang 2nd Dec., Beans.—Siemssen Co.
Anna Dorothea, Ger. bark, 343, T. Slocum, 3rd Dec.,—Newchwang 19th Nov., Beans.—Wieler & Co.
Annettin, Italian bark, 475, F. Repetto, 4th Dec.,—Singapore 13th October, Wood.—D. Musso & Co.
Antioch, American bark, 956, J. D. Wyman, 25th Nov.,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 2nd Oct., Coals.—Order.
Asteria, British brig, 211, Samuel Cox, 26th September,—Normanton (North Queensland) 18th Sept., Ballast.—Captain.
Bonito, German bark, 524, H. Haars, 18th Nov.,—Newchwang 9th Nov., Beans.—Wieler & Co.
Brodrene, British bark, 665, A. E. Kildahe, 2nd Dec.,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 12th Oct., Coal.—Russell & Co.
Citadel, British 3-m. schooner, 242, Morrison, 6th Dec.,—Chefoo 27th Nov., General.—Captain.
Comet, German ship, 1,083, Siegener, 2nd Nov.,—Cardiff 23rd June, Coals.—Captain.
C. B. Carver, American bark, 1,100, Leroy Dow, 8th Dec.,—Yokohama 29th Nov., Petroleum Oil.—Thomas Rowe and Smith.
Elizabeth, German bark, 1,170, D. Brauer, 30th Nov.,—Cardiff 1st July, Coals.—Melchers & Co.
Gesine Brons, German bark, 400, Laarmann, 14th November,—Swatow 10th Nov., Ballast.—Wieler & Co.
Glenury, British 3-m. schooner, 283, Thomson, 5th Dec.,—Newchwang 3rd Dec., General.—Wieler & Co.
Hansa, German bark, 499, L. O. M. Deneken, 25th Nov.,—Newchwang 14th Nov., General.—Wieler & Co.
Haydn Brown, American bark, 822, C. H. Hevener, 15th Oct.,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 1st August, Coals.—Russell & Co.
Helena, British bark, 556, C. Hansen, 25th Nov.,—Newchwang 13th November, Beans.—Siemssen & Co.
Hermann, German bark, 444, M. Traulsen, 3rd Dec.,—Amoy 1st Dec., Beans.—Wieler & Co.
Hieronymus, German bark, 425, Ipland, 1st Dec.,—Amoy 29th Nov., Beans.—Captain.
J. A. Borland, American bark, 635, Y. A. Kent, 8th September,—Newcastle 6th July, Coal.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Marie, German bark, 465, H. Ipland, 27th Nov.,—Newchwang 16th November, Beans.—Wieler & Co.
Mary Stuart, British bark, 484, G. C. Thompson, 25th Nov.,—Singapore 19th Oct., Timber.—Captain.
Mathilde, German bark, 355, Tonningsen, 23rd Nov.,—Newchwang 14th Nov., Beans.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
M. Selchan, Danish bark, 447, O. Gerstenburg, 23rd Nov.,—Newchwang 14th Nov., Beans.—Wieler & Co.
Mount Lebanon, British bark, 530, Chas. H. Nelson, 12th Oct.,—Whampoa 11th Oct.,—Rozario & Co.—Repairing, at Cosmopolitan Dock.
Nellie M. Slade, American barkentine, 560, Gould, 29th Nov.,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 15th October, Coal.—Russell & Co.
N. Gibson, Amer. bark, 704, F. C. Bailey, 3rd November,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 6th Sept., Coal.—Borneo Co., Limited.
Oneida, American ship, 1,130, Carver, 27th October,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 28th August, Coal.—Russell & Co.—Kowloon Dock.
Omega, British bark, 480, James Morrison, 29th November,—Canton 28th Nov., November,—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Osaka, British bark, 527, Lowe, 23rd Nov.,—London 31st July, General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Rachel, British bark, 283, R. Affleck, 30th Nov.,—Newchwang, and Amoy 28th Nov., Beans.—Chinese.
Sachem, American ship, 1,380, Small, 4th Nov.,—Cardiff 9th June, Coal.—O. & O. S. S. Co.
Sarah, American bark, 628, A. J. Downe, 1st Dec.,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 3rd October, Coal.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Saturnus, German bark, 605, Schada, 5th Dec.,—Newchwang, and Chefoo 26th Nov., Beans.—Siemssen & Co.
Sibirien, German bark, 367, H. Johannsen, 1st Dec.,—Newchwang 21st Nov., Beans.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Spartan, American schooner, 85, Ch. Vincent, 26th July,—from Chungchow.—W. H. Ray.
Twilight, American ship, 1,265, W. C. Warland, 8th June,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 14th April, Coal.—Adamson, Bell & Co.
Velocity, British bark, 400, R. Martin, 29th Nov.,—Chefoo 21st November, General.—Chinese.
Wildwood, American bark, 1,000, Chas. P. Sawyer, 23rd Sept.,—Nagasaki 14th Sept., Coal.—M. B. M. S. S. Co.
Zouave, American ship, 1,200, Robert C. Loper, 2nd August,—Cardiff 4th April, Coals.—P. & O. S. N. Co.—Cosmopolitan Dock.

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1883. [906

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Best Materials and a Perfect Fit Guaranteed,
At Moderate Prices.

DEALER in CHINESE SILKS of all kinds, PITH HATS, MATTING, BAMBOO BLINDS, and has always on hand a very fine selection of various kinds of Silk Goods and Embroideries.

Wholesale Manufacturer of Silk Coats and other Garments for exportation.

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MERCHANT TAILOR, HAT, & CAP MAKER.

HAS for Sale, every description of Gentlemen's Scarves, Collars, Ties, Socks, Hats, &c. &c., Dealer in Chinese Silks of all kinds. Bamboo Blinds, Mattings of own Manufacture, China Teapots in bamboo covers, Rattan Chairs, Silk Coats a Speciality, a perfect fit, and best material guaranteed.
No. 122, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1883. [864

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CIGARS of all Brands and from every known factory in Manila, are constantly being received. Owing to the peculiarly advantageous position of the Undersigned in regard to the CIGAR trade with Manila, he now offers Cigars of all brands, fully matured, and ready for immediate smoking. Quality Guaranteed.
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Hongkong, 10th October, 1883. [343

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WHOLESALE MANUFACTURE OF SILK COATS AND OTHER GARMENTS FOR EXPORTATION.
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No. 66, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
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Hongkong, 19th May, 1883. [369

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No. 5, Wellington Street, Hongkong.
THE CHEAPEST SHOP IN THE TRADE.
Materials and Workmanship Guaranteed.
Special experience in making Gentlemen's Riding Boots.
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WATCHES CLEANED AND REPAIRED ON MODERATE TERMS.
ALL WORK GUARANTEED.
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Landscapes in Oil and Water Colors.
All Work Executed by First-Class Artists.
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Satisfaction Guaranteed.
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Hongkong, 11th April, 1883. [256

"WAI SAN YAT PO."

A DAILY CHINESE NEWSPAPER, with a wide circulation in the Colony and at the Coast Ports. Subscription, FOUR DOLLARS per Annum. The above high-class native paper is an excellent medium for Advertisements. Strictly Moderate Charges. Guaranteed circulation of [illegible] Copies. Communications to be addressed to the proprietor [illegible] No. 9, [illegible].
Hongkong, [illegible] September, 1883.

Printed and Published by ROBERT FRASER-SMITH, at No. 6, Peddar's Hill, in the City of Victoria, Hongkong. December 13, 1883.

The British steamer *Menmuir* undocked from the Cosmopolitan this morning.

"WHAT is the use of a wooden coffin?" said an Irishman to his friend. "Shure it will decay very soon. Bedad, I'll have an iron one, and it will last me all my life."

A Lodge of Emergency of Zetland, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Monday evening next, the 17th instant, at 5.30 for 6 o'clock precisely.

Brides, as a rule, find it a new and rather unpleasant sensation to accept money from their husbands immediately after marriage. But an all-wise Providence provides for such matters, and in the course of time this feeling gradually wears away.

A local preacher named Dawson recently cleared out from Grimsby, Lincolnshire, for Spain, owing £40,000. On the day before he absconded he preached with much pathos from the text:—"Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake that they shall see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship." Mr. Dawson has evidently a fine sense of humour.

We understand that Monsieur Tricou, late ambassador for France at Peking, who arrived from Japan, in the *Volga* last Tuesday, will leave for Haiphong to-morrow in the French corvette *Villars*. It was reported in these columns some time ago that M. Tricou had been specially appointed by the French Government to supersede Dr. Harmand as Civil Commissioner—that is, practically Governor—of Tonquin; and as we have information to the effect that Dr. Harmand had arranged to leave Haiphong on the 11th inst. for Saigon, our former statement was probably correct.

THE REGATTA.

In another column will be found a list of the entries for the various events set down for decision to-morrow, and in accordance with our promise we now place on record our views as to the probable results of the several races. Let us first premise our vaticinatory remarks by observing that the programme for the first day is a capital one, and should produce a series of most interesting and exciting contests. We are not quite sure, by the way, whether there is such a word as "vaticinatory" in the English dictionaries, although we have a sort of hazy idea that the Latin verb is *vaticinor*; however, that ornament of the local bar, who knows so much about Latin and the use of the globes, (hem!) will doubtless show up our ignorance in the columns of the *Evening Gribble* if we have erred. And now to business.

The Junior Sculls is the first race on the programme, and we may here note that there has been nothing approaching a genuine contest for this particular event for at least the last eight years. On this occasion a good race may be confidently predicted. The entries are C. A. Cornish, F. Grimble and T. Glass, and according to our lights the finish will be between the last named pair. If Grimble and Glass were on an equality in the matter of skiffs, it would be long odds on the Scotchman, who has a great advantage over his more youthful opponent in weight and strength, but as Grimble's racing skiff is some 20lbs lighter than the craft Glass will pull in, the latter is certainly handicapped. In smooth water the light weight, who sculls in good form and is besides a well built and muscular athlete for his inches, ought to get home first, but if the sea is at all lumpy the superior strength of Glass should neutralise the difference in the boats, and enable the bigger man to secure the victory. In any case it ought to be an exceedingly close race.

The Chairman's Cup, which has secured an entry of three, ought to produce an exciting finish. The boats are the *Leek* stroked by Isaac Hughes, the *Shamrock* with Fisher at leading business, and the *Kornblume* with the redoubtable German champion, Kültzau, pulling stroke oar. Hughes is powerfully supported by three members of the Scottish International crew, and ought to win easily, and the other pair should make a very even match for second place, although our impression is that Fisher's crew, although much lighter, is perhaps a better all-round lot than the Germans.

Five crews have entered for the German Cup, and if they all come to the post this should be, next to the International race, the most interesting contest of the regatta. Kültzau will "stroke" the *Kornblume*, Isaac Hughes the *Rose*, G. Stewart the *Leek*, Travers the *Thistle*, and Fisher the *Shamrock*. Were Travers in the grand old form of half a dozen years ago we think he would win this race, but as his weight has enormously increased he can scarcely be quite fit, and we therefore declare in favor of Fisher, who is a neat puller and, moreover, has a fairly good lot of men behind him.

For the valuable prize, the Welsh Cup, presented by Mr. W. Kerfoot Hughes, three boats will come to the starting post, Shamrock (Fisher), *Leek* (Travers), and *Thistle* (F. Grimble), and we think they will finish in the order we have placed them, although it ought to be a tremendous race as the crews are very evenly matched.

The gig races will no doubt prove as interesting as in former years, but we are surprised to see the police unrepresented, and we have certainly fallen on hard times when not a single one of our great hongs has entered for the house boats race. We hear that the sailing races will be stoutly contested, and our yachting friends predict good sport if there is anything like a breeze blowing. The entries for the yacht race have not reached us, but, from what we hear, Mr. Forbes's invincible *Naomi* will have to be in her very best trim to get away from Mr. Dickie's smart cutter, which has recently been greatly improved.

It would be hazardous to deal with the events on the second day's programme at present, but we may venture to express our opinion that the International Race will be won by the Scotch crew. They are the outsiders of the party and are considered by the *cognoscenti* to be quite out of the contest; however, they are a strong crew and pull well together and in fairly good form, and we, therefore, fully expect to see them row down their opponents and win cleverly.

As the Committee of the V. R. C. have done everything within their power to make this regatta interesting both to lovers of aquatics and the outside public, we hope to see their exertions recognised by a large attendance on the flag-ship. Apart altogether from the sport provided, a tour round the *Coptic* will well repay a visit. Genial Captain Kidley, to whose courtesy the Committee and the community are deeply indebted for the use of this magnificent vessel, has not only got the finest steamer that ever came into Hongkong Harbour, but he has reason to be proud of the splendid condition in which this floating leviathan is kept. The Band of the Buffs, by kind permission of Colonel Hobson and the Officers of the Regiment, will be in attendance to-morrow, and we are quite prepared to see a complete revival of the ancient glories associated with Hongkong Regattas in "the good old days."

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB REGATTA.

FIRST DAY,
FRIDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1883.

1ST RACE.—1 P.M.

"JUNIOR SCULLS." For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance, $5. Distance, One Mile. Prize, "Brokers' Cup." Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race in China or Japan.

Station No. 1.
Mr. T. Glass......Camilla......Black and Gold.

Station No. 2.
Mr. C. A. Cornish. Mary Love......White and Blue.

Station No. 3.
Mr. F. Grimble..Blanche......White, Red Stripes.

2ND RACE.—1.30 P.M.

For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $1. First Price, $15; Second, $5. Outrigged Boats excluded.

Station No. 1.
Royal Artillery...The Sapper......Red and Blue.

Station No. 2.
Royal Engineers..The Gunner......Blue and Red Flag.

Station No. 3.
Royal Artillery...The Bombardier...Red Flag.

3RD RACE.—2 P.M.

THE "CHAIRMAN'S CUP." For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One-mile-and-a-half. Entrance, $10.

"KORNBLUME."
Station No. 1.—Blue and White.

Bow, Mr. C. Denklau	11st.	0lbs.
No. 2, Mr. G. R. Lammert	11st.	6lbs.
No. 3, Mr. H. Müller	12st.	7lbs.
Stroke, Mr. G. Kültzau	12st.	8lbs.
Cox., Mr. H. Sampson	9st.	5lbs.

"SHAMROCK."
Station No. 2.—White, Red Sash.

Bow, Mr. B. Buschmann	10st.	9lbs.
No. 2, Mr. F. C. Wilford	10st.	10lbs.
No. 3, Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart	12st.	0lbs.
Stroke, Mr. T. R. Fisher	10st.	10lbs.
Cox., Mr. G. Grimble	8st.	1lb.

"LEEK."
Station No. 3.—White, Blue Sash.

Bow, Mr. T. Glass	11st.	0lbs.
No. 2, Mr. R. Goodlad	10st.	11lbs.
No. 3, Mr. G. Stewart	12st.	8lbs.
Stroke, Mr. J. I. Hughes	11st.	1lb.
Cox., Mr. G. A. Caldwell	8st.	11lbs.

4TH RACE.—2.30 P.M.

For Men-of-War's Gigs and Whalers. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $1. First Prize, $15; Second, $5. Time allowed for Oars, 8 seconds per Oar.

POST-ENTRIES.

5TH RACE.—3 P.M.

"GERMAN CUP." To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $10.

"KORNBLUME."
Station No. 1.—Blue & White.

Bow, Mr. W. W. G. Phillipps	10st.	2lbs.
No. 2, Mr. A. H. Jackson	12st.	5lbs.
No. 3, Mr. E. E. Ravenhill	11st.	0lbs.
Stroke, Mr. G. Kültzau	12st.	8lbs.
Cox., Mr. T. Lammert	7st.	7lbs.

"ROSE."
Station No. 2.—White, Blue Sash.

Bow, Mr. E. Osborne	9st.	9lbs.
No. 2, Mr. E. W. Rutter	9st.	4lbs.
No. 3, Mr. G. R. Lammert	11st.	6lbs.
Stroke, Mr. J. I. Hughes	11st.	1lb.
Cox., Mr. G. Grimble	8st.	1lb.

"LEEK."
Station No. 3.—Black & White.

Bow, Mr. B. Buschmann	10st.	9lbs.
No. 2, W. C. Brownlow	9st.	9lbs.
No. 3, Mr. R. Goodlad	10st.	11lbs.
Stroke, Mr. G. Stewart	12st.	8lbs.
Cox., Mr. G. A. Caldwell	8st.	11lbs.

"THISTLE."
Station No. 4.—Green and White.

Bow, Mr. C. Denklau	11st.	0lbs.
No. 2, Mr. F. Grimble	10st.	0lbs.
No. 3, Mr. H. Müller	12st.	7lbs.
Stroke, Mr. A. K. Travers	13st.	6lbs.
Cox., Mr. H. Sampson	9st.	5lbs.

"SHAMROCK."
Station No. 5.—White, Red Sash.

Bow, Mr. W. Parfitt	10st.	8lbs.
No. 2, Mr. F. C. Wilford	10st.	10lbs.
No. 3, Mr. T. Glass	11st.	0lbs.
Stroke, Mr. T. R. Fisher	10st.	10lbs.
Cox., Mr. H. E. Angier	9st.	5lbs.

6TH RACE.—3.30 P.M.

For House Boats or Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $1. First Prize, $15; Second $5. Time for Oars, —6 seconds per Oar.

POST ENTRIES.

7TH RACE—4 P.M.

"WELSH CUP." For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $5.

"SHAMROCK."
Station No. 1.—White, Red Sash.

Bow, Mr. E. W. Rutter	9st.	4lbs.
No. 2, Mr. G. Kültzau	12st.	8lbs.
No. 3, Mr. G. Stewart	12st.	8lbs.
Stroke, Mr. T. R. Fisher	10st.	10lbs.
Cox., Mr. G. A. Caldwell	8st.	11lbs.

"LEEK."
Station No. 2.—Green and White.

Bow, Mr. J. I. Hughes	11st.	1lb.
No. 2, Mr. H. E. Angier	9st.	5lbs.
No. 3, Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart	12st.	0lbs.
Stroke, Mr. A. K. Travers	13st.	6lbs.
Cox., Mr. H. Sampson	9st.	5lbs.

"THISTLE."
Station No. 3.—Black and Gold.

Bow, Mr. T. Glass	11st.	0lbs.
No. 2, Mr. R. Goodlad	10st.	11lbs.
No. 3, Mr. A. Dennison	11st.	0lbs.
Stroke, Mr. F. Grimble	10st.	0lbs.
Cox., Mr. G. Grimble	8st.	1lb.

8TH RACE—4.30 P.M.

For Merchant Vessels' Gigs. Entrance, $1. First Prize, $15; Second, $5. Time for Oars,—6 seconds per Oar.

POST ENTRIES.

SAILING RACE.

For Men-of-war's Boats, any rig. Entrance, $2. First Prize, $20; Second, $10.

SAILING RACE.

For Sailing Ships' Boats only. Entrance, $2. First Prize, $20; Second, $10.

POST ENTRIES.

YACHT RACE.

For Yachts over 10 Tons. Entrance, $5. Time for tonnage. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

No. 1 Station in Rowing Races is that nearest Kowloon.

At the commencement of each Race, the V. R. C. Flag will be hoisted on board the Judge's Boat.

J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART,
Hon. Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club.

SANITARY LIVING.

[Juliet Corson, in Harper's Bazaar.]

Any scheme of sanitary living which failed to include dietetics would be incomplete. While the subject is too large to be treated adequately in the space here allotted, a few points for guidance may be indicated. In a recent conversation with an eminent medical man of this city, he stated to me that twenty-five years ago his preceptor, the celebrated Dunglison, said that diet, in the hands of an intelligent physician, was one of the most powerful agencies in the treatment of disease, and that by its use he could largely control both physical and mental conditions. In fact, therapeutic dietetics receive the constant attention of the scientists of the present day, while the general public are gradually acquiring sensible opinions bearing on the subject. Now, instead of regarding hunger as a rather unworthy physical appetite, it is esteemed the natural indication that the system has so far exhausted its sources of supply for vital regeneration as to demand renewal in the form of nutriment. Persons most free from any gross inclination to extreme physical indulgence acknowledge the beneficent tendencies of hunger. During any seasonal transition there *is a marked variation in the demands of the* system for nutriment, and in nominally healthy conditions this variability of appetite should be the guide in the choice of diet. Nature settles the question to a certain extent by yielding a succession of esculents, which reach their prime at the season when the system seems to demand their use. Of course, the local food products are here referred to. Owing to the difference in climate in the extreme sections of this country, and the rapid transportation facilities, the fruits and vegetables arrive in most large cities considerably in advance of the local season, but they are not always in good condition. It should, therefore, always be remembered that fruit or vegetables wilted, over-ripe, or decayed are almost sure to occasion intestinal disorders. Any such physical derangement should receive immediate attention. Both fruit and vegetables should be gathered for the table at that hour of the day when they are most fresh and crisp. In the early morning they are in the best condition, and if plucked then and kept in a cool, dark place, most varieties will remain in a fair state of preservation for several days. Salad plants, green peas, green corn, and the seed berries are the most notable exceptions; however, even these perishable foods can be kept fresh some little time as follows: When the fruit is freshly gathered remove all bruised or over-ripe specimens, and put the remainder in a cool, dark, airy place, free from dampness; heat and moisture hasten its decay; the succulent vegetables are best preserved in a cold, moist place, sheltered from light and air. It is possible to keep lettuce, the most perishable of all vegetables, two or three days in the midst of Summer by proceeding as follows: first wash it thoroughly, free it from all decayed and broken leaves, wrap it lightly in a soft cloth saturated with cold water, and lay it directly upon the ice; or, after wrapping it in the wet cloth, inclose it in a pasteboard box, wrap the box in thick paper so as to exclude the air, and place the box in a cool, dark closet, or in the cellar; twice a day, morning and evening, all the decayed leaves should be removed, and the cloth saturated with cold water.

As in hot climates physical vigor can be maintained by the use of vegetable food, so in the hot season it largely answers the demands of the system. The mere fact of its abundance would not decide its consumption; while meat is just as abundant in Summer as at other seasons of the year, and sometimes cheaper, we habitually use less of it than in Winter, and instinctively we choose the lighter and more digestible kinds, such as poultry and mutton, in preference to beef and pork; the last-named meat should be avoided in hot weather, unless a little of it is used as a relish, in the form of ham or bacon. On the other hand, the juicy fruits and succulent vegetables furnish valuable mineral elements, in addition to their cooling juices. The system craves more water in Summer than in Winter to supply the moisture lost by evaporation and through the medium of the secretions, and fruit and vegetables supply it largely. The typical Autumn fruit, the grape, furnishes, in addition to its refreshing juices, many alterative mineral elements and valuable nutritive properties. It is undoubtedly the safest food to use when a radical change of diet is desired. Any absolute change of diet should not be undertaken without the advice of one's family physician. While a radical difference in nutritive elements may be desirable in some chronic diseases for the purpose of changing entirely the state of the blood, its effects are too marked to be encountered without medical supervision.

Regarding such dietic experiment one is apt to reason from a personal point. In the persistent use of one kind of food the system seems to give notice of a deficiency. No matter how abundant the restricted diet, there is felt a sense of physical non-satisfaction, which cannot be accounted for unless we suppose that the organism instinctively demands variety as well as abundance. For instance, at the suggestion of one of my medical friends, and with the view to secure a superabundance of the tonic and stimulating elements of food, a trial was made of the exclusive meat diet now being taken by many invalids, the sole beverage being hot water; the quantity of nutriment consumed was excessive as compared with the usual fare. Personally there was no sensation of hunger, for reasons, but the thirst was annoying from the first, because the nauseating effect of the hot water prevented the use of the prescribed allowance. The physician who shared the experiment remarked, as we left the table the first day, that while he had eaten all the meat he could take, and drank freely of hot water, he had a decided sense of dissatisfaction, and thought he would go to sleep; I was so conscious of nervous irritation from thirst that I thought it wise to go out under the trees to suffer and try to be strong. These feelings intensified during several days to a tormenting degree, and the experiment was then abandoned. A mutual friend with whom this experience was discussed said that in her case there was no sense of hunger and no suffering from thirst, but that a week of the meat diet made her so irritable that she desisted in the interests of the "sweetness of light" and social amenities. The cause in this instance was probably stimulation to the degree of nervous irritability. Others say that after some temporary inconvenience they re-establish their health by such a regimen.

Dr. E. A. Parkes found, experimenting with healthy men, that a diet of lean meat and bread in two or three days produced indigestion and general depression, which yielded directly starch and butter were added to the food. A non-nitrogenous diet of arrowroot, sugar, and butter satisfied hunger, and did not appreciably lower vitality, but did reduce the power of the heart. These few instances will show the necessity for precaution in all alterations of diet.

While in normal health the application of dietetic theories may be absolute, they are perforce subservient to the varying conditions of illness. Sometimes the patient really cannot receive the nourishment indicated by the doctor, not alone from the deficiency of appetite common to sickness, but from some morbid condition which may entail the physical impossibility to assimilate food or even to ingest it. The repulsion of food by the system is sometimes so positive that it acts upon the muscles concerned in the deglutition so far as to prevent the slightest ingestion of nutriment; the mechanical action of swallowing cannot be performed, even though the will may consent to it. In such cases nutrient enemata should be employed, together with the anointing of the skin with olive-oil, and, if possible, the use of nutritive baths.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST CALL of $50, payable in respect of the New Shares on the 30th September last, in accordance with the 2nd Special Resolution passed at the General Meeting of 5th May, 1883, MUST BE PAID into the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on or before the 31st instant, failing which the Shares will be dealt with as provided for by Clause 3 of the above named Resolutions.

By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1883. [928

NOTICE.

ST. JOHN LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR LODGE will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 13th instant, at 8 for 8.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren will be made cordially welcome.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1883. [920

VICTORIA HOTEL,
PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

PROPRIETORS, DORABJEE & HING KEE,
LATE LESSEES OF THE
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The BAR, BILLIARD ROOM, and DINING ROOMS, are fitted up in a Superior manner, and are all under European Supervision and Management.

The TABLE D'HOTE is supplied with every delicacy of the Season, and most satisfactory attendance. WINES and LIQUORS of the Best Qualities and Brands only are supplied.

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With every facility for making suitable arrangements at Reasonable Prices, either for permanent or weekly BOARDERS, the Proprietors confidently appeal to the community of Hongkong for a continuance of the generous patronage, bestowed on them during the past eleven years.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
22, Praya Central, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 20th November, 1883. [868

Intimations.

NOTICE.

VICTORIA REGATTA CLUB "AT HOME."

THE COMMITTEE of the VICTORIA REGATTA request the pleasure of the Company of the LADIES of Hongkong TO-MORROW and SATURDAY, the 14th and 15th instant, at ONE P.M., on board the S. S. "COPTIC," which has been kindly placed at the disposal of the Committee as a FLAGSHIP by Captain KIDLEY.

TIFFIN AND DANCING.

N.B.—Through the courtesy of Mr. GILLIES, the Secretary of the Dock Company, the "FAME" will leave Peddar's Wharf on each day at 12.30 and 1.30 P.M., and convey guests on board the flagship.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1883. [925

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Hongkong, 10th November, 1883.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING,
TO-MORROW AND SATURDAY,
14TH AND 15TH DECEMBER, 1883.

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FIRST DAY,
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1ST RACE.—1 P.M.
"JUNIOR SCULLS." For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance, $5. Distance, One Mile. Prize, "Brokers' Cup." Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race in China or Japan.

2ND RACE.—1.30 P.M.
For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $1. First Prize, $15; Second, $5. Outrigged Boats excluded.

3RD RACE.—2 P.M.
THE "CHAIRMAN'S CUP." For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One-mile-and-a-half. Entrance, $10.

4TH RACE.—2.30 P.M.
For Men-of-War's Gigs and Whalers. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $1. First Prize, $15; Second, $5. Time allowed for Oars,—8 seconds per Oar.

5TH RACE.—3 P.M.
"German Cup." To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $10.

6TH RACE.—3.30 P.M.
For House Boats and/or Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $1. First Prize, $15; Second $5. Time for Oars,—6 seconds per Oar.

7TH RACE.—4 P.M.
"Welsh Cup." For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $5.

8TH RACE.—4.30 P.M.
For Merchant Vessels' Gigs. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $1. First Prize, $15; Second, $5. Time for Oars,—6 seconds per Oar.

SAILING RACE.
For Men-of-War's Boats, any rig. Entrance, $2. First Prize, $20; Second, $10.

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YACHT RACE.
For Yachts over 10 Tons. Entrance, $5. Time for tonnage. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

SECOND DAY,
SATURDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1883.

1ST RACE.—1 P.M.
For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European members of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $1. First Prize, $15; Second, $5. Winner of Second Race on first day, and Outrigged Boats excluded.

2ND RACE.—1.30 P.M.
INTERNATIONAL RACE, "Challenge Cup."—For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One Mile. This Cup to be won two consecutive years before being finally held. Entrance, $10.

3RD RACE.—2 P.M.
For House Boats and/or Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $1. First Prize, $15; Second, $5. Winner of Sixth Race on first day excluded. Time for Oars,—6 seconds per Oar.

4TH RACE.—2.30 P.M.
"American Cup." To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $10.

5TH RACE.—3 P.M.
For Men-of-War's Cutters. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $1. First Prize, $20; Second, $10. No time allowed for Oars.

6TH RACE.—3.30 P.M.
"Ladies' Purse." For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, $5.

7TH RACE.—4 P.M.
To be rowed in 5 or 6-oared Royal Naval Gigs or Whalers, by Officers of H.M.'s Fleet in Harbour. Cup presented by the Members of the Hongkong Club. Time for Oars,—6 seconds per Oar.

8TH RACE.—4.30 P.M.
"Members' Cup," presented by Members of the Victoria Recreation Club. For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One-mile-and-a-half. Entrance, $10. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup" excluded.

SAILING RACE.
For all Open Boats, Chinese excluded. Entrance, $2. First Prize, $20; Second, $10.

YACHT RACE.
For Yachts under 10 Tons. Entrance, $5. Time for tonnage. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

N.B.—Entries for races 2 and 6 (First Day) and 1 and 3 (Second Day) will close on Monday, the 10th December, at 6 p.m., and must be sent in, in writing, to the Hon. Secretary, giving name of boat, colour, number of oars, &c. Post entries allowed for races 4 and 8 (First Day) and 5 and 7 (Second Day). Entries for the sailing races must be sent to Mr. Tripp.

J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART,
Hon. Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1883. [908

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ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

SHERIDAN MINING COMPANY.

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THE object of this Company is to Purchase and Work the SHERIDAN SILVER MINE, situated in Marshall Basin, San Miguel County, Colorado, U.S.A., distant from Silverton 12 miles, this town being the terminus of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway, at present the nearest point of railway communication, but the construction of a line to Telluride is contemplated, distant between 4 and 5 miles.

The Sheridan is a well known property, and is one of a group of mines in the above-mentioned district, celebrated for producing ore of high grade and remarkable purity.

The average value of the ore that has been produced and sold since the opening of the mine is—

1st Class, 200 oz. Silver and 2½ oz. Gold per ton, equal at $1.10 per oz. for Silver and $20 per oz. for Gold, to American dollars 270.00 per ton.

2nd Class, 180 oz. Silver and 1.3/10 oz. Gold per ton, equal at $1.10 per oz. for Silver and $20 per oz. for Gold, to American dollars 224.00 per ton.

3rd Class, 120 oz. Silver and 1-1/10 oz. Gold per ton, equal at $1.10 per oz. for Silver and $20 per oz. for Gold, to American dollars 154.00 per ton.

The fixed price of the mine is the equivalent of Tls. 250,000, which must be paid before the 15th January next, in order to secure the property, but of this sum the vendors take one-third in fully paid stock of the Company.

It is proposed to provide the Capital required for the purchase and working of the mine by the issue of 3,000 shares, or such portion of this number as may be deemed sufficient, at Tls. 100 per share, Tls. 10 per share being payable upon application, and the balance on allotment.

Mr. WATERS, the Engineer of the Company, has thoroughly examined the property, and strongly recommends the purchase. He estimates the value of the ore taken out during examination, together with what can be taken out and made ready for transport to smelters before the roads are re-opened in the Spring, at Eighty Thousand Dollars.

The mine has hitherto been worked under a strict lease compelling the Lessees to do a certain quantity of dead work to develop the mine, and restricting them as to the quantity of ore they may take out by "stoping," they paying a Royalty to the owners of 30 per cent. of the ore extracted, besides bearing the expenses of mining.

The ore taken out during last Autumn and Winter working, realised a profit to the Lessees, after payment of Royalty and expenses, of about $30,000, their operations being limited to two tunnels; hence it is obvious that when the mine is in full working order by opening more tunnels (which Mr. WATERS is doing), the output can be considerably increased, and it is not an exaggerated estimate to put the yearly profit at 20 to 25 per cent. on the capital invested.

Besides ore of high grade, the mine produces a considerable quantity of ore hitherto regarded as "waste," being of too low grade to pay, under present circumstances, for transportation to smelters, but which Mr. WATERS has reason to believe can shortly be made profitable by concentration at works lately established in the neighbourhood, for the express purpose of working "waste" ore from the mines in Marshall Basin.

There is upon the dump more than 700 tons of "waste," which will become the property of the Company on completion of the purchase.

Mr. WATERS estimates that during the first six months of next year he can take out 400 tons of ore valued at $90,800, taking 200 oz. Silver and 1½ oz. Gold per ton, at a total cost of $49,069, leaving a balance of profit upon the six months working of $41,732, and in his estimate of expenditure he has included sundry expenses incidental to the commencement of the Company and extension of the works that will not again appear in the Working Account.

Applications for shares will be received, up to the 20th of December next, by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at any of its branches in China and Japan and in Hongkong, or by the Secretaries, and receipts will be granted for amount of deposit.

In the event of no allotment being made the deposit will be returned.

Application forms, and Pamphlets containing further particulars regarding the mine, can be obtained at the BANK, or from the SECRETARIES. [919

MR. MOORE begs to recommend his GOGO SHAMPOO WASH to the public as unrivalled by any preparation ever produced for promoting the growth to the hair. The basis of this compound is made of soap root; the natives of the Philippine Islands never use anything else for washing their hair; they are never found bald, and it is quite common to see the females with hair from 5 to 6 feet long. By constantly using this Shampoo Wash as directed, you will NEVER BE BALD.

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BIRTH.

At Takow, Formosa, on the morning of the 9th December, the wife of W. WYKEHAM MYERS, M.B., of a son. [927

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1883.

THE Earl of DERBY's despatch in reply to the representations made by the Agents-General of the Australian Colonies and New Zealand respecting the several schemes of annexation proposed in regard to New Guinea and the Western Pacific Islands, is, says a writer in the *News of the World*, creating a sensation. The Colonial Minister's letter is declared by those who take the Colonial view, to be "cold, curt, and unsympathetic," whilst the majority of people at home consider Lord DERBY's reluctance to sanction any new project of "annexation" as far-seeing and sagacious, having very good reasons for its justification. The subject undoubtedly is a complex one, and whatever decision may be eventually come to, it should be the result of deliberate inquiry and cool reflection. Sensible as we all must be of the difficulties the Government of the French Republic has made for itself by its annexionist policy, we should carefully avoid a similar error ourselves. Nevertheless, it would be unwise to neglect what the Australian colonists have submitted to the Home-Government as to the hankering of foreign Powers after possessions where they would be offensive and menacing to British Colonial interests. Australian opinion is represented as being much exercised in the matter, even as far south as Melbourne, the importance of it being brought home in the most unpleasant way by certain incidents which are even now occasionally happening. The British Minister, without denying the gravity of the situation, gives the colonists to understand that it is not fair to look to the mother country entirely for its amelioration; and the first thing they should do is to show how capable and willing they themselves are to provide against emergencies.

Lord DERBY, referring first to the islands of the Western Pacific which are most distant from Australia, the Navigators Islands, says, "No Power has claimed or indicated any desire to obtain a paramount influence or protectorate over that group. It forms an independent State, recognised as such by European diplomacy." Such also is the case with respect to the Tongau or Friendly Islands, with the King of which group England and Germany have recently concluded treaties. Fiji has already been dealt with, and since it became an appendage of the British Empire, the moral and material progress there is very remarkable, helping to form an argument for a further extension of British influence and authority. Nevertheless, there is a consensus of home opinion that the troubles of more annexation projects would be very great, and were better avoided. The New Hebrides (about which apprehension of designs in course of formation by another European Power does not appear to be without cause) Lord DERBY considers safe, because an understanding was arrived at in 1878 between the Governments of England and France, in pursuance of which the independence of those islands has been recognised by both.

In less fevered times, than the present confidence might be assured by this; but there is apparently a strong influence in France urging its leaders to disregard everything but the satisfaction of its desires. Lord DERBY's despatch to the Australian Government might not have provoked animadversion from the parties addressed had it ended here; but his lordship went on to say that "the claims and interests of other countries constitute a very serious impediment to that complete jurisdiction which you represent that England ought now to assume over the Western Pacific, and that the best known and most frequented groups of islands have already such relations with foreign Powers in common with England as cannot be summarily ignored." A similar deplorable error is here observed to what was fallen into by our Government in recognising the claims of M. DE LESSEPS and his company to the Suez Canal. Correct diplomacy does not at once acknowledge the justice of any demands that may be made.

The Colonial Secretary finds that the Australian Governments "have not specifically referred to the islands or groups of islands known as New Britain, New Ireland, the Solomon Islands, and the Santa Cruz Island," which he tells his correspondents "are at a considerable distance from Australia, and are for the most part of great size and inhabited by warlike and cannibal tribes." It may be concluded that the reason why the islands of those warlike and cannibal tribes were not mentioned in the Colonists' address to the Home Government was that no apprehension is felt with regard to them: and this bring us to the grounds upon which the appeal for British annexation is made—the alarming development of policy lately exhibited by France.

The facts are not extensively known. The one French penal settlement in the Pacific is New Caledonia, an island some seven hundred miles east of our great colony of Queensland, and from time to time large batches of prisoners contrive to escape, and make their way thither. For a considerable period the French authorities reclaimed their prey, which the Queenslanders were very glad to surrender; but of late the national guardians of the criminals seem to have imbibed the Dogberian sentiment on the escape of wicked persons, regarding that circumstance with equanimity, and thanking Heaven for relief from the trouble of them. Lately the French authorities have refused to take back the fugitives, preferring to leave them at large in Australia. "When," as is represented on the part of the Queenslanders, "it comes to be understood as part of a settled policy, of a policy which deliberately intends to employ upon the islands of the Pacific the refuse of French society, to deposit there the dangerous classes *en bloc*, and to leave them free to do everything except to return to France, it is but human nature that alarm and indignation should fill the minds of the colonists from Melbourne to Cape York." When the system of English transportation became abhorrent to colonial feeling, the colonial spirit rose up indignantly, and it was, in consequence, abolished. The same feeling is provoked again, for as the Agents-General reminded Lord DERBY, "the French Government reckons on sending out 5,000 criminals annually, who will be set down as practically their own masters at the Loyalty Islands, or at Noumea, or at the Marquesas;" and we can understand the strength of the Australian desire to secure as much as possible of the unclaimed territory of the Pacific against the probability of this threatened fate. New Guinea is the chief morsel of temptation, and it would seem that it is not France alone which longs for it, for Germany's mouth waters, so does that of Italy, and even Russia would like a piece. The question is not settled as to whether, after all, New Guinea is worth annexing. Mr. DAWES, a missionary on the east coast, wrote to a daily paper lately, describing the island in very unflattering terms. "While New Guinea," he said, "may have a great future, it is only in area and population that she has anything great in the present." This opinion, however, is controverted, and a report presented to Lord A. LOFTUS by Dr. ROBERTSON, and printed in the last Blue Book, is sanguine in the extreme. As regards North Queensland, the writer gives remarkable details of the growth of the colony, his argument being that "in the presence of such a rapid development it would be madness for the colony or the empire to permit another Power to settle on the opposite coast and to command the Straits through which Eastern Australia communicates with England."

That the question now arising is one of some difficulty may be readily inferred, and the knotty points are not entirely unravelled by Lord DERBY's suggestion that the colonists should confer together, and in making united recommendations to the home Government, "furnish also an effective guarantee for such expenditure as may be incurred." This is, of course, a necessity, but the colonists seem as yet scarcely prepared to make the required provision. They look for it to come from England, and taxpayers here side with Lord DERBY, endorsing his advice and recommendation. In June last his lordship, conveying the final decision of the Government, expressed "regret that it should be necessary from time to time to refuse assent to proposals coming from individual colonies for the assumption of large and serious responsibilities in regard to places and questions not specially concerning those of Her Majesty's subjects who live in one of the other parts of the empire;" at the same time he suggested that the Australian colonies should effectually combine together and provide the cost of carrying out any policy which, after mature consideration, they may unite in recommending, and which Her Majesty's Government may think it right and expedient to adopt." In all probability the suggestions will be adopted. The Queensland Government was over-hasty in annexing New Guinea without consulting the home authorities, but the reasons assigned are not without weight. They did not like the idea of a foreign penal settlement near them, and they remembered that when New Zealand was annexed to the British Crown, France was only forestalled by a very short time. It is asserted, though the correctness of the assertion is not clearly shown, that the future of the Australian Continent lies rather in the hands of Northern Queensland than of the older colonies. Dr. ROBERTSON says he believes that "fifty years hence, not Melbourne nor Sydney, but a port on the Leichardt River will be the capital city of Australia. Already great steamers run fortnightly to London through Torres Straits; the land, which ten years ago was untrodden by the feet of civilised man, is being rapidly parcelled out and stocked; sugar estates are being opened up in all directions; successful 'prospecting' for metals is going on; the pearl and trepang fisheries are growing in importance, and the project of a trans-continental railway from Brisbane to the Gulf of Capentaria, is approaching its realisation." This rapid development was the consideration which influenced the Queensland Government last April in annexing New Guinea, in order that it might not be occupied by another Power.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, December 12th.

MR. PARNELL ON IRISH INDEPENDENCE.

Mr. Parnell, when receiving in Dublin a testimonial of £38,000 sterling, counselled patience, and said he had every confidence that the independence of Ireland is obtainable.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

LAWYERS should sleep well—it is immaterial to them on which side they *lie*.

H.M.S. *Vigilant*, Lieut. Commander Maxwell, arrived from Amoy last night.

THE band of the "Buffs" will play on the Cricket Ground from 4 p.m., to-day.

We have received from Messrs. Guedes & Co., printers, &c., of D'Aguilar Street, a date block and calendar for 1884, which are exceedingly well got up. The calendar contains a lot of useful information.

THE three men charged with being concerned in the robbery of $289 from a butcher lately returned from Perak, in a lane off Circular Pathway, on the 4th instant, when, as will be remembered, the butcher had a quantity of pepper rubbed into his eyes and his girdle containing the money taken away, were this morning committed for trial at the Supreme Court by Captain Thomsett.

MESSRS. ROQUE & Co.'s steamer *Saltee* arrived from Haiphong last night. We have received no letters from our Tonquin correspondent, and on enquiry find that nothing was known in Haiphong, when the *Saltee* left on the 10th, of any further military movements in the interior of the country. A large force of Annamites and Chinese was reported to be in the vicinity of Haiphong, but an attack on the port was not anticipated.

MR. R. J. Forrest, Her Majesty's Consul at Amoy, has issued the following notification:—"My attention has been drawn by the Chinese authorities to the circumstance that though native sampans plying for hire at Amoy are required to take out a license and be distinguished by a badge, this regulation is occasionally evaded for purposes of fraud. I have to request that British merchants and others employing native sampans for extended periods will hire only such as exhibit the badge required by the local regulations, viz., a board on which are inscribed the owner's name and the number of his license."

IT has been publicly announced that Mr. O. N. Denny, consul-general for the United States at Shanghai, proceeds home by the next American mail. Mr. Denny has been in Shanghai since April 1880, and it cannot be disputed that during his term of office he has rendered his country a vast amount of good service. The reasons for Judge Denny's somewhat sudden departure have not been made public, but it is an open secret that he goes to Washington in connection with certain investigations which are to be made into alleged irregularities charged against Mr. Seward, late United States Minister to Peking, and the "Rev." Chester Holcombe. As the results of this inquiry, which, we understand, has been instituted by an order of Congress, will in due time be made public, it would be injudicious to make any detailed reference to the question at present. Dr. Denny, who came to Shanghai when a cloud was hanging over the American consulate-general in consequence of the alleged Bradford-Seward-Bailey irregularities, has been a most successful official, and has won a great name in the Model Settlement, both for his social qualities and his distinguished abilities as a representative of foreign interests.

WE are informed by the agent of the P.M.S.S. Co. that the company's steamer, *City of Peking*, with San Francisco mails of the 22nd ultimo, has arrived at Yokohama, and will sail for this port on the 15th instant.

AN Australian clergyman has lately been distinguishing, and at the same time enriching himself, by giving lectures on "The Professions—Lawyers, Doctors, and Clergymen." A more taking title for the reverend gentleman's discourses would have been "Man's Heritage of Trouble."

A GOOD story is told that a fast young lady, determined to be noticed by Bismarck at a ball, approached him and asked if he would fasten her bracelet—which she had purposely loosened. But the man of iron beckoned up a young aide-de-camp, and said: "My sight is hardly good enough; but I can see you are not so handsome as your mother."

A COOLIE named Chung Yung Kwai, who was taken into lawful custody by Chinese constable 318 on the 10th, skipped while the lukong was away on business at the Charge-room. The constable spotting his escaped quarry yesterday in Queen's Road West, re-arrested him, and had him sent up for 7 days' hard labor this morning by Captain Thomsett for bolting.

HERE is a nice subject for gossip over the front gate. In a certain town on the river Darling in Australia, there are fourteen married women living apart from their husbands. A country newspaper ventures to express the opinion that this a very strange state of affairs, to which the Sydney *Bulletin* responds by remarking that there is nothing strange in it at all, as the fourteen husbands are probably in gaol.

SEVERAL of our Australian contemporaries are making a fuss because a certain barrister is acting as *aide-de-camp* to the Governor of West Australia. This is not an unprecedented appointment, as, unless our memory deceives us, one of our "unlearned" friends once acted in a similar capacity to Governor Hennessy in Hongkong. But as a matter of fact, there is nothing anomalous in a barrister filling such a position, since to act as aide-de-scamp is the lot of nearly all lawyers.

THE following are the office-bearers for Zetland Lodge, No. 525, E. C. for the ensuing year:—

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Tyler	" J. GRIMBLE.

A TEA MEETING, to be followed by an entertainment, will take place at the Temperance Hall at half past six o'clock this evening, under the auspices of the Royal Naval Temperance Society. It has been got up as a farewell entertainment to the men of the fleet whose reliefs have come out, and who are returning to old England. Admiral Willes and Lady Bowen will be present. The tea is being provided by the ladies, and will be under their personal supervision, so that everything nice and appetizing may be looked for. No fewer than 300 or more are expected to sit down to the cup that cheers but never inebriates, and which, unlike firewater, leaves you with a clear head and a composed mind when you open your eyes in the morning after a refreshing sleep, the reward of the practice of the fourth cardinal virtue—temperance.

THE steamship *Pembrokeshire*, arrived this morning, has brought out six more noble specimens of peace-preserving humanity for our police force. We had the pleasure of interviewing the half dozen this morning, and, from our critical inspection, can say they are just "the men for Galway." Three of them stand six feet high in their stockings, and the whole average 5ft. 11in. They come from the Glasgow force, and lest our evening contemporary might again get mixed on the point of nationality, we beg to inform that accurate, truth-loving organ of public opinion that they are, all "Scotties," and that their "tipple," in moderate quantities, of course, is the national usquebaugh. They left the shores of old England on the 26th October, and had a fine passage out, which was considerably enlivened by heart-stirring national airs squeezed by constable Beaton out of a set of excellent Scotch bagpipes, making the brave fellows imagine at times that they were still on "running in" duty in the streets of old Glasgow. Captain Davis and the officers of the *Pembrokeshire* were very kind to them during the voyage, and made them as comfortable as possible.

A CRY of "fire," followed by a rush of multitudinous pedal extremities past his palatial residence westward at about half past eight last evening, attracted our *Fire Special's* attention, and induced him to make tracks in the same direction in quick time. The crowd brought up in Hollywood Road, in front of house No. 39, occupied by Messrs. Mehta & Co., in the front room of which, on the first storey, a blaze of considerable altitude was observable from the street. An oil lamp, it appears, got upset, the inflammable contents catching fire, and sending forked flames upwards. Some ten or fifteen minutes, however, sufficed to extinguish the blaze and make everything safe. One end of the writing desk in the room got considerably charred, but no further damage resulted. Had the flames spread, the fire-god would have had valuable auxiliaries on the ground floor, in the shape of numerous bales of cotton, to enable him to extend the sphere of his devastating operations. The community have reason to be thankful for the immunity from fires they are enjoying in the present conflagratory season. It may, however, be merely the lull that precedes the storm, and past experience has amply taught us that we cannot be too watchful. The horrors of Christmas-eve 1878 will not easily fade from the recollection of residents.

WE read that Governor Napier Broome has been most cordially received in Western Australia. "New brooms," &c., &c.

"I HAVE not loved lightly," the Salvation Army Captain remarked when he led to the altar a widow weighing three hundred pounds.

ONE of the most notable country seats in Ireland is mentioned by Lady Dufferin in her ballad commencing "I'm sitting on the stile, Mary!"

A REGULAR LODGE of St. John, No. 618, S. C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8 for 8.30 precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

THE Malagasy militia march into action to the tune "There is a happy land, far, far away." This is a missionary melody, and is said to be *very cheering* to the heart of the Hova warrior. When he gets a French rifle-ball in his stomach, he turns round gracefully, on his heel, gurgles out his last breath, and, falling flat on his face, goes to the happy land! His French enemy, with a pound of old nails and small shot in his body, also goes to glory. They will probably meet there, and, be at peace ever after—that is, if no missionaries are admitted.

AN American map agent was once making a trip in the interior of the Island of Cuba to sell maps, when he was attacked by highway robbers, who demanded his money. He was more prudent than to carry money in such a country, and they failed in making a haul. "But," said our Yankee "I have some splendid maps of the island along with me, which I should like to show you," and in a twinkling he was off his horse, had a map out, and explained it so effectually that he sold one to each of the banditti, pocketed the money, and resumed his journey better off for the encounter.

"THE majesty of the law," remarks the Sydney *Bulletin*, will soon be an obsolete phrase. The law is losing its majesty, and becoming gay and sprightly. Judge Williams, of Victoria, leads the revolution. This volatile creature goes on circuit on a bicycle. Well—

> The good old times may soon come back,
> With all the good old zeal;
> Law then was mounted on the rack,
> And now it's on the wheel.

If this frivolous spirit spreads, we may soon expect to see learned counsel turning somersaults on their way to court, bailiffs walking in on their hands, grave judges pronouncing sentence of death with the black cap cocked jauntily on one side of their heads, and the condemned criminal dancing out of court with a skipping rope. We should not wonder at any of these things happening. We should, in fact, like to see them come to pass. We have been so long accustomed to solemnity without sense, that we think we could do without the solemnity for a while.

AN obstreperous boarding-house runner, by name Li Asam, was up this morning before Captain Thomsett, charged with drunkenness and assaulting Chinese constable 125 while in the execution of his office. It appears the defendant was seen yesterday by the constable drunk on board the steamship *Hankow* after her arrival from Canton, and going into the women's cabin. He was told to clear off but would not. In the evening as the lukong was at the S.S. *Powan*, defendant came up, seized him by the queue, dragged him along by the pigtail, and struck him. He was drunk and very violent and used foul language, continuing his violence in the police cell. Sergeant Campbell stated that there was frequently a great deal of trouble with the boarding-house runners when steamers arrived. Defendant, who denied the assault but admitted a moderate degree of inebriation, was fined $25 or a month. The fine was paid.

A PLAYFUL "Jack Tar" named Tom Henderson, belonging to H.M.S. *Audacious*, when urged by Sikh constable Salig Ram in Queen's Road yesterday to liquidate his 'ricksha fare, became violent, seized the constable, wrested his rifle from him, struck him with it, and then made tracks, carrying off the firearm. The Punjaubee blew his whistle, and "Jack" was eventually overhauled at Government wharf by constable Gidley, who had great difficulty in dispossessing him of the shooter. He struck and kicked Gidley, who had to get the assistance of two other constables, when Henderson was treated to the "frog's march" as far as the station. Before Captain Thomsett, this morning, our gallant naval defender pleaded drunkenness and oblivion. His Worship fined him ten dollars, with the alternative of 7 days' short commons in the Government Rest House. Jack, whose love of liberty is only equalled by his fondness for fun, frolic and firewater, came to the front with the Mexicans, smiling.

NOT many years ago Professor —— was instructor of mathematical science at the University of Virginia. Aside from being a foreigner of noble birth, he was a man of striking peculiarities, prominent among which was a slight disregard for the teachings of the fourth commandment. He never missed an opportunity, however, to reprove a student for a violation of its precepts. Late one Saturday afternoon Tom S——, one of the students, and a veritable wag, made up his mind to force the professor to the wall, and in accordance with this determination approached the latter, asked a loan of the notes of Friday's lecture, pleading that he had been unable to transcribe them while in class, and signifying his intention of copying them on the following (Sunday) afternoon. Here was a chance to rebuke the sinful Thomas, and, assuming a horror-stricken expression, the professor began:—"Sirree, Tommy, do you understand, sir, I am suprised zat you should vish to work on ze Zabbath!" "But, Professor," Tom replied, "you write out your notes on Sunday. Is it any worse in me to copy them?" "Oh, Sirree Tommy, zat is very different. Ze Scripture say if a man haf an ox or an ass and he fall in ze pit on ze Zabbath, it shall be lawful if ze man pull him out." And then, elevating his brows, and giving his words peculiar emphasis, he added, "And you know, Siree Tommy, I haf so many of zat long-eared animals in my class zat it shall be proper." Tommy was sorry he had spoken.

WE read that a Pennsylvania mule which had lived in a coal mine for nine years without seeing daylight was hoisted up the other day, and his first act was to kick a boy sky-high. Mules evidently know what daylight is for as well as any one else.

WE read that the King of Spain's face lacks the bloom it had five years ago. His figure is slighter, his shoulders are rounded, his eye is restless, his beard has grown, his mouth smiles with an effort, and his look is melancholy. If Alfonso were only an overworked editor, his condition would be romantic.

FOR thorough out-and-out coolness we would back a desperate woman against the world.—"Accused," said the President of the Tribunal, "you have heard the report of the medical experts that the body contained a quantity of arsenic sufficient to kill eight persons; what have you to say to it?" "That my poor little husband was a great glutton."

EVERY theatrical critic naturally has his own peculiar style. The editor of a mining camp newspaper somewhere in Australia, for example, has this to say of a popular songstress:—"As a singer she can just wallop the hose off any woman that ever wagged a jaw on the boards. From her clean birdlike upper notes she would canter way down to the bass racket, and then cushion back to a sort of spiritual treble that made every man in the audience imagine every hair on his head was the golden string of a celestial harp, over which angelic fingers were sweeping."

OUR Australian contemporaries have been distinguishing themselves again. Thus the *Daring Screamer*, alluding to the *Western Bugle of Liberty*:—"The journalist who quotes from another and pretends to give the words *verbatim et literatim*, yet wilfully and obviously misquotes and misrepresents, is too mean for anything. A travelling tinker could afford to spit on him in disdain." To this the *Bugle* responds: "The third-rate buffoon who attempts to edit the *Daring Screamer* has again essayed to say something funny anent one or two paragraphs in the *Bugle of Liberty*." And yet people say New South Wales is but slowly progressing.

THE correspondent of a London paper says that the saddest spectacle he ever witnessed with a spoilt child of ephemeral celebrity was the departure from King's Cross Station of Mrs. Langtry, just after her return from the States, *plus* $25,000, the result of her starring tour. There weren't half-a-dozen people present. Mrs. Langtry looked careworn, and seemed disappointed at the absence of an ovation. Among the scanty gathering was a venerable old gentlemen with long white hair, and clearly of the clerical profession. It was her father, the Dean of Jersey. "Father," said the great beauty, in a sad and subdued tone, "I feared you would not come." He barely kissed her, and then stiffly raising his hat, bowed, and at once left before the train started.

A RETURN issued by the Director of the French Mints shows that the gold coins in circulation in France up to 1877 were or should have been of the value of 8,180,245,560 francs. During the Consulate and reign of Napoleon I. the value of the gold coins which were struck was in round numbers 582 million francs; under Louis XVIII., 389 millions; Charles X., 52 millions; Louis Philippe, 215 millions; the Republic of 1848, 427 millions; Napoleon III., 6,161 millions; and the Third Republic, up to 1877, 485 millions. The value of the gold withdrawn from circulation during the whole time has been 71 million francs odd. Under the two latter Republics pieces of 20 francs only have been struck in gold; while under all the other *régimes* but that of Napoleon III., when there were pieces of 100 francs, 50 francs, 20 francs, 10 francs, and 5 francs, there have been only 40-franc and 20-franc pieces.

SAYS the London *Daily News*:—The report of the inquest, held the other day, on the late Mr. Haffenden, of Kensington, will create a very painful feeling in the public mind. The verdict of the jury was that he died from poison, taken by him while he was in a state of great depression and mental anxiety; but about one-fourth of the jury were inclined to a verdict of simple misadventure. The cause of this terrible depression and anxiety was the bringing against him, in the Hammersmith Police-court, on the 9th of October, of a charge of a very serious kind. This charge was made at the instance of the Director of Public Prosecutions, and arose out of his supposed treatment of a patient on the 1st of August. Mr. Haffenden met it with an indignant denial, and Mr. Clarke stated at the inquest yesterday that Dr. Barnes, the greatest authority on obstetric medicine in the kingdom, was ready to come forward and say that all that Mr. Haffenden had done in the case was right. Appended to our report of the inquest is an extract from the *British Medical Journal* which states that eminent medical men to whom all the particulars had been submitted, were prepared to go into court and justify his treatment of the case. Yet Mr. Haffenden, an established and respectable practitioner, has been haled off to a police-court, had to bail for a hearing, and, being too sensitive to endure the ignominy, which not even an acquittal could altogether wipe off, has committed suicide to escape from shame. The jury yesterday did not go into the charge against Mr. Haffenden. They had to inquire only into the cause of his death. But the public, and especially the medical profession, will be anxious to know on what grounds the Director of Public Prosecutions acted in this painful case, and why the evidence of such an authority as Dr. Barnes was not sought before the frightful order for arrest was launched. The public are deeply concerned to know on what kind of evidence this public officer acts. He may be perfectly justified in the course taken in this melancholy case, but the justification does not appear; and all that the public have before them is the terrible fate of a man who seems to have deserved infinite pity, and whom we are bound to regard as entirely innocent.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 585. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1883. SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [470

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WOO-LIN-YUEN, Secretary.

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A SECOND and FINAL BONUS of Five per cent. on Contributions and a DIVIDEND of EIGHTEEN DOLLARS and TWENTY-NINE CENTS per SHARE for the year 1882, will be Payable on MONDAY, the 22nd instant.

Warrants may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES, Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1883. [794

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

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S. A. JOSEPH.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1883. [924

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HECTOR SAMPSON.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [922

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day commenced Business at the Port of KIUNGCHOW as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT.

R. E. BRUCE.
Kiungchow, 20th November, 1883. [903

NOTICE.

FROM THIS DATE we will also carry on the Business of SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS in this Colony.

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Hongkong, 30th November, 1883. [891

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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1883. [902

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Hongkong, 16th November, 1883. [862

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [560

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1883. [784

UNDER the heading "Exhibits to the Cork Exhibition, Ireland," "THE CORK CONSTITUTION, No. 13,025, dated Saturday, July 14th 1883, says:—

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SOLE AGENCY,

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Hongkong, 26th September, 1883. [731

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1883. [730

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THE 14TH DECEMBER.

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